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Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27th ult. in which you expressed your readiness to undertake the defence of Adolf Eichmann at his forthcoming trial.

A copy of your letter, together with your letter of the same date addressed to Eichmann, were handed to the accused by a representative of the Attorney-General and Eichmann expressed his willingness that you should defend him.

Under the present law of Israel no person may be represented in any legal matters or proceedings save by a duly qualified Israel advocate. I am, however, initiating an amendment to the law to enable persons who are not so qualified, in certain circumstances, to represent defendants in criminal proceedings before the Courts of Israel. The amendment, if passed by the Knesset, will render it possible for you to represent Eichmann at his said trial. An explanation of the legal position I have described above was also given to the accused.

In answer to your query as to the language to be used at the trial, I have to inform you that the proceedings will be conducted, as usual, in Hebrew, but facilities will be provided for simultaneous translation into other languages, including German. A translation from German into Hebrew will also be provided.

I herewith enclose a copy of the form of power of attorney which you attached to your letter to me, signed by Eichmann. It is to be understood, that this document has no legal validity in Israel and can only be regarded as an expression on the part of the accused of his willingness that you should defend him. This fact, too, was explained to Eichmann.

I shall inform you if and when the amendment to the law referred to above comes into force.

Yours faithfully

Pinhas Rosen
Minister of Justice